

We, at the Morgantown Museum Commission/ Morgantown History Museum have been very busy this past month. We have had tours at the museum; offers of assistance from the WVU B&E folks (marketing); found out we will definitely receive an AmeriCorps worker (part-time); been combing the whole Mon County school system for photos and memorabilia concerning area community sports; giving presentations to area organizations, and had a lovely donor reception in mid-June.



The donor reception, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, involving the Pride Family/ C. 1907 City of Morgantown License Plate, was very successful. We received a good bit of press coverage for this event, both from print and TV media. The Pride family traveled to Morgantown from all over the U.S.- one traveled here from New Mexico. (They decided to have a family reunion weekend to coordinate with the donor reception at MHM.) ([See photo story.](#))

Once again, as last month, I can happily report that Francey Yarlboro Knotts, widow of Don Knotts, has shipped additional artifacts dealing with Don's life, including his original birth certificate and Morgantown High School diploma —and many other items. This is certainly exciting for us at the museum since Don Knotts continues to be of great interest to the visiting public. I have been told, for a number of years now, that folks love him "because he made me laugh – and still does because I watch him on TV re-runs daily." I see this great interest continuing over many generations because those old TV shows will probably be telecast for many years into the future.

The July MMC meeting will be a hard work meeting. We, as a group, have to make some hard decisions about upcoming logistics: what to move out into storage; how to move the remaining objects around inside the museum to allow for 21 Smithsonian cases of *Hometown Teams* memorabilia to fit our current space. (All will not fit, so we have to very carefully plan this part of the process.)

The Morgantown History Museum will be, gleefully, participating, as we have for eight years now, in Downtown Morgantown's *Kids Day*. Come down on Saturday and join the fun!

Thanks for all of your support—we at the Morgantown History Museum greatly appreciate it!

Pamela Ball

Chair,

Morgantown Museum Commission &

Volunteer Coordinator, MHM

### **Agenda**

#### **Morgantown Museum Commission**

**July 17th, 2014**

**175 Kirk Street**

**6:00PM**

Minutes..... Rick McE.

Chair Comments..... Pamela B.

Grants..... Pamela B.

Facilities Report..... Mel B.

Zack Morgan Statue & Lakeview Chef Event Pam B/ Pam C/ Swifty

Kerns Fort Report..... Matt H.

Volunteer Report..... Michael M.

Donation/s Report..... Michael M.

Purchases, Etc..... Michael M.

Smithsonian *H. Teams* Report.....Swifty S.

Final Planning Session/ Museum Lay-Out/ Smithsonian *Hometown Teams* Brain Storming  
Session.....All